



June 18, 2026

**Monday Meeting: Jonathan J. Hunt, Esq., Interim General Manager, MARTA**



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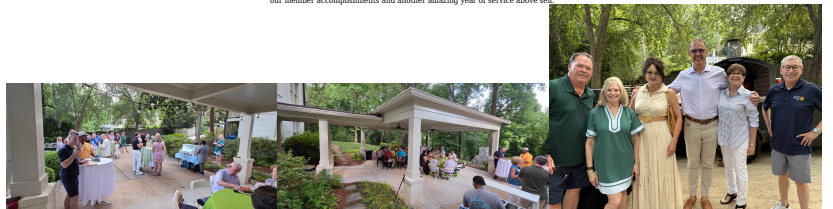
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## MEETINGS

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

- 6/22 Jonathan J. Hunt, Esq.,  
Interim General Manager,  
MARTA
- 6/29 Year-end awards and  
Installation of new officers  
and directors.
- 7/6 No Meeting: July 4th Holiday
- 7/13 Ann Marie Bedtke,  
Executive Director, Horizons  
Atlanta
- 7/27 William Pate, President and  
CEO, Atlanta Convention &  
Visitors Bureau
- 8/10 Sonny Perdue, Chancellor,  
The University System of  
Georgia
- 8/31 Comer Yates, Executive  
Director, Atlanta Speech  
School
- 9/14 Ms. Lee Thomas, Deputy  
Commissioner, Georgia Film  
Office, Georgia Department  
of Economic Development

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## EVENTS

- 6/20 Pawsitivity Partnership  
with Buckhead Rotarians  
Delivering Pet Food with  
OpenHand
- 7/13 Board of Directors Meeting
- 7/20 No Meeting: Register for  
Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 7/23 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/28 Governor Visit
- 10/20 Donate a Plushee Pals®  
Toy to the Boyce L. Ansley  
School Students

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/29 Tobias Hoffmeister
- 7/3 Mark Johnson
- 7/4 John Amberg
- 7/13 Shelley Hammell

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## WEDDING

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## ANNIVERSARIES

6/18 Patty Webb (12)  
7/7 Karla Arriola (24)  
7/12 Jim Floyd (57)

## ROTARY ONLINE

<https://buckheadrotary.com>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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## LEADERSHIP

President	Shelley Hammell
President-Elect	Jeff Clark, Jr.
Immediate PP	Denise Starling
Vice President	Jeff Clark, Jr.
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